
Babu Banarasi Das Northern India Institute of Technology, Lucknow

Governing Council (Responsibilities)



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The Governing Council

The governing body of the Institute shall be known as the Governing Council. The Council of the institute exercises general oversight over the institution and its affairs.

It comprises nine members and meets two times each year. A meeting apart from the scheduled may be called as and when required.

The Council's members are a mix from inside and from outside the Institute. They contribute a wide range of experience and expertise from a range of different sectors.

All members exercise their responsibilities in the interests of the Institute as a whole. All members are expected to attend scheduled meetings as regularly as possible. They have collective responsibility for Council decisions and, as with all governing bodies.

Council members bring to its deliberations a wide range of knowledge and expertise, and are expected to apply balanced and disinterested judgement to these deliberations. Their main assets are their independence and their objectivity, and their principal contributions are:

- to see issues from all aspects
- to represent an external view
- to offer special skills
- to provide useful contacts
- to advise on the public presentation of the Institute

The qualities required of members are:

- commitment to the Institute and to its objectives
- a general understanding of institutes/ universities and an appreciation of broad social and economic trends as they affect institutes/universities
- the ability to discuss without being adversarial or losing respect and goodwill
- acceptance of collective responsibility for Council decisions
- honesty and integrity
- respect for confidentiality

2. The primary responsibilities of the Governing Council

Strategic

2.1 Determine the educational character and academic direction of the University.

2.2 Approve the Vision and Mission and strategic aims of the Institute including the Strategic Framework, and the key indicators of Institute performance.

Delegation, monitoring and accountability

2.3 Delegate to, and hold to account, the Director as Chief Executive, with authority for the academic, financial and human resource management of the Institute and to establish and keep under regular review the policies, procedures and limits within which such management functions are undertaken by and under the authority of the Director.

2.4 Ensure the establishment and monitoring of systems of control and accountability including financial and operational controls, solvency and risk assessment.

2.5 Ensure that processes are in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the Institute in each of its major activities against approved targets.

Finance

2.6 Be the principal financial and business authority of the Institute, to ensure that proper books of account are kept, to approve the annual budget and financial statements, and to have overall accountability for the Institute's assets, property and estate. Governing Council must ensure that the Institute is financially sustainable and is using its resources efficiently for the benefit of its students and stakeholders.

Legal and regulatory

2.7 Be the University's legal authority and, as such, to ensure systems are in place for meeting all the Institute's legal obligations, including those arising from contracts and other legal commitments made in the Institute's name.

2.8 Ensure that systems are in place for securing continued compliance by the Institute as a provider of higher education with the ongoing conditions of registration and all of the Institutes's statutory, legal and other regulatory compliance obligations.

2.9 Ensure that there are procedures for handling internal grievances, conflicts of interest, fraud, bribery and corruption; and to ensure that there are procedures by which Staff and Students can raise matters of concern.

Governance

2.10 Establish processes to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the Governing Council itself.

2.11 Ensure that all Students and Staff have opportunities to engage with the governance and management of the Institute.

Staff

2.12 Be the employing authority for all staff and be accountable for ensuring that an appropriate human resources strategy is established.

2.13 Ensure that there is provision for the appointment, grading, appraisal, remuneration, professional development, welfare, discipline, suspension and dismissal of Staff.

Students

2.14 Endeavour to ensure that Students benefit from a valuable learning experience, leading to academic awards which are subject to the application of appropriate academic standards.

2.15 Ensure there is a complaints procedure which Students may use and procedures which are used in the event of alleged Student disciplinary offences.

2.16 Receive assurance that adequate provision has been made for the general welfare of Students.

Culture and values

2.17 Safeguard the good name and values of the Institute.

2.18 Promote a culture which supports equality, diversity and inclusion across the Institute.

2.19 Maintain and protect the principles of academic freedom and freedom of expression.

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, MANAGEMENT AND STAFF RELATION

